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Report of the Second Meeting of the IYS North Atlantic Steering Committee

By teleconference

Monday 27 November, 2017

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 The Chair, Ms Kim Damon-Randall (USA), opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the North Atlantic Steering Committee for the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) to the teleconference. She noted that there had been some confusion over the membership of the Committee and reminded everyone of the recent turnover in NASCO and on the Committee and the subsequent delay in moving the planning for the IYS forward. She welcomed the opportunity to make new progress.

1.2 A list of participants is contained in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Steering Committee adopted its Agenda, IYS(17)1 (Annex 2) unchanged

3. NASCO rules for meeting preparation

3.1 The Secretary informed the Steering Committee of NASCO's rules for proper meeting preparation. The NASCO rules state there must be a draft agenda and an explanatory memorandum per agenda item, where necessary, available at least 30 days before a meeting. Regrettably, due to some confusion, this procedure had not been followed for either the November 2017 meeting of the North Atlantic Steering Committee or of the planned Coordinating Committee meeting in December 2017. The required documentation for each of the agenda points had not been produced in accordance with the rules, and the Chair and Secretary therefore felt they could not ask the Steering Committee to move forward with any decisions at this time to give the NASCO Coordinating Committee the proper mandate for discussion with their NPAFC counterparts.

4. Original planning for a face-to-face-meeting of the IYS Coordinating Committee

4.1 The Secretary informed the Steering Committee that a face-to-face meeting of the Coordinating Committee in mid-December 2017 had been planned at the last teleconference of the Coordinating Committee in mid-September 2017. A discussion paper from the NPAFC on three possible options for an IYS website and a document setting out some possible discussion points to form an agenda for the December Coordinating Committee meeting were sent to the North Atlantic Steering Committee on 19 October and 14 November 2017, respectively.

4.2 The Steering Committee discussed briefly the state-of-play of agreement on the IYS website, and the Chair reminded the Steering Committee that nothing has been agreed on the website structure. However, the Coordinating Committee had agreed to award the contract to develop the website to My Loud Speaker, a strategic marketing agency located in Vancouver, Canada. The contract, which was signed by NPAFC on May 19, 2017, includes a range of deliverables for an IYS website.

5. Revised planning for a face-to-face-meeting of the IYS Coordinating Committee

- 5.1 The Chair asked the Secretary to report on recent discussions with the three Heads of Delegation (Norway, EU, and USA), who, with the Secretary, make up the NASCO component of the Coordinating Committee, and the President for a proposal on the December meeting.
- 5.2 Given the lack of appropriate preparation and documentation, the Secretary had proposed an alternative meeting for the mid-December time-slot which had been acceptable to those consulted. The proposal was that the two co-Chairs and a member each from the NASCO and NPAFC Secretariats use the mid-December time-slot for a purely technical meeting to produce a proper roadmap and to write the various background / discussion documents that are needed for the NASC (and NPSC) to have the in-depth discussion that is required to give the mandate for the NASCO / NPAFC Coordinating Committee members. This opportunity would enable the production of the detailed and reasoned description of the range of options for the different items proposed for discussion to seek agreement from the steering committees to move the IYS forward in a more productive and, ultimately, timely manner
- 5.3 The Steering Committee were supportive of the proposal and agreed that the Secretary should consult the NPAFC to make the necessary changes to enable the frank discussion that is required to move things forward.

6. Planning for a face-to-face meeting of the IYS North Atlantic Steering Committee

- 6.1 The Steering Committee were unanimous that a face-to-face meeting should be organised as soon in the New Year as possible, given the planning that is required to launch the IYS. This meeting will enable discussions and agreement on a way forward for the IYS and to provide the NASCO CC members with the debating space within which the NASC is happy for decisions to be taken on the various IYS issues.
- 6.2 The Steering Committee members agreed to send their availability for the period from the end of January into early February to the Secretariat to enable planning for the meeting. The Secretariat also needs to consult with those members of the NASC who were not able to participate in the teleconference to determine their availability.
- 6.3 The Steering Committee agreed that it would be best to hold the meeting in a hub city. London was acceptable to all and the Rydges Kensington Hotel was a preferred venue, given its familiarity to several of the Steering Committee members.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 The Chair asked the Secretary to raise two other items of business for information
- 7.2 The Secretary informed the Committee that the Secretariat is currently working on the report from the IYS Special Session held in Varberg at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The intention is to make it a more general report than the Theme-Based Special Session Reports to make it more appropriate for a wider audience. It is hoped that the report will be finished early in the New Year after which it will be sent to the Steering Committee for their approval.
- 7.3 One of the common outreach activities for the IYS is the State of the Salmon report. The new Assistant Secretary of NASCO will have that report as one of her main responsibilities. The report will be presented as one of the opening lectures at the 2019 IYS Symposium in Tromsø in advance of the 2019 Annual Meeting. The vision of the North Atlantic Steering Committee for this report is sought and it will be included on the agenda for its face-to-

face meeting in the New Year. A brief discussion was held informing of the report that was produced by the World Wildlife Fund in 2001 as a background document for information. The general feeling of the Committee was that it is an appropriate time to be producing a new report, that NASCO is the organization to produce it and that it will be well received as an IYS product.

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting

8.1 This will be a face-to-face meeting in London early in the New Year. Dates and exact location will be determined soon and reported to the members of the Committee.

9. Close of the Meeting

9.1 The Chair thanked everyone for their understanding of the proposed changes and for their commitment to reaching agreement at the face-to-face meeting of the Steering Committee in the New Year for the way forward of the IYS

List of Participants

Raoul Bierach	Norway
Doug Bliss	Canada
Ciaran Byrne	European Union
Kim Damon-Randall	USA (Chair)
Cathal Gallagher	EIFAAC
Emma Hatfield	NASCO Secretariat
Paul Knight	NGO Co-Chair
Margretha Nónklett	Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)
Arnaud Peyronnet	European Union

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